Basic aspects of Urban Geography

The development of Central European cities

- 1 Make a timeline about the development of German cities.
- a) Note the names of the stages of urban development in the arrow below the years.
- b) Fill in the table below. Work with the information on pp. 18-21 in your textbook.

500 1000 1250 1500 1750 1850 1925 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 2020 0 1800 1900 year Roman cities medieval cities suburbanisation reurbanisation/ planned cities industrialisation reconstruction shrinking cities

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Functions of the city during that time	Romans conquered parts of Germany → military protection, trade, administration	most German cities were built; trade, religious centre, protec- tion of popula- tion	many small states in Germany → sovereigns want- ed to show their power	economic growth lead to establishment of industry and infrastructure in cities → population growth	World War II → destruction of cities and indus- try →need for new houses and reconstruction	industry became less important and people had cars → people moved out of the city centres	service sector becomes more important in cities → renovation of inner city locations
Structure of cities/ building/ changes	square-shaped city surrounded by city wall, forum, baths	market place and cathedral sur-rounded by city wall, trading route running through city, narrow alleys with wooden houses	castle in the centre, very regular pattern	mix of living and work factories, railway tracks, industrial canals, city wall re- moved, very crowded blocks of houses	reconstruction of city centres, establishment of new habitation areas, partly with big housing blocks	suburban areas with small one- family houses	old harbour areas and factory areas renovated
Examples	Cologne, Trier, Regensburg	Freiberg, Magdeburg	Karlsruhe, Mannheim	in most cities, e.g. Bremerhaven	in most cities, e.g. Cologne	in most cities	in most cities, e.g. Hamburg

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